

*REMARKS*

By way of the Office Action mailed September 30, 2004 ("the Office Action"), claims 1-4, 8, 11 and 12 were rejected as being anticipated. The Office Action objected to claims 5-7 and 9-10, but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. By way of this response, Claims 5 and 12 have been canceled, and claims 1, 3, 6-7, 9 and 11 have been amended.

Claim 5, as originally presented, was dependent on base claim 1. Claim 1 has now been amended to include the limitation of claim 5 that the outlet slot of the at least one draft tube is formed axially in a side wall of the at least one draft tube. Claim 1 should now be allowable over the prior art as indicated by the Office Action. Likewise, claims 2-11, which are dependent on claim 1, should also be allowable over the prior art.

Claim 9, which the Office Action indicated as being allowable over the prior art, originally depended on claim 8, which in turn, depended on claim 1. Claim 9 has now been rewritten as an independent claim to include the limitations of original claims 1 and 8. Claim 10 is dependent on claim 9. As such, claims 9 and 10, as amended, should be allowable over the prior art for the reasons stated in the Office Action.

Finally, applicants have amended independent claim 11 to include a limitation that each of the draft tubes includes at least one axially formed outlet slot in a side wall. This limitation is similar to the limitation of claim 5. The inclusion of this limitation in claim 11 also patentably distinguishes this claim from the cited prior art.

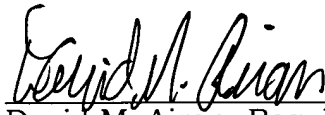
*CONCLUSION*

The application is considered to be in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

In re Appln. of Rademacher  
Application No. 10/731,529

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David M. Airan".

---

David M. Airan, Reg. No. 38,811  
LEYDIG, VOIT & MAYER, LTD.  
Two Prudential Plaza, Suite 4900  
180 North Stetson Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60601-6780  
(312) 616-5600 (telephone)  
(312) 616-5700 (facsimile)

Date: December 28, 2004